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1. AFTERNOON PRESS SANTIAGO JUNE 7 CARRIES TEXT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO UK RELEASED TODAY BY UNDER SEC COLLADOS OF FON MINISTRY. NOTE DATED MAY 30 WAS HANDED TO BRITISH AMB REGINALD SECONDE "AT BEGINNING THIS WEEK."

2. NOTE CONSTITUTES FORMAL PROTEST OF GOC TO BRITISH AMB OVER STATEMENTS CONCERNING CHILE BY PRIME MINISTER WILSON IN HOUSE OF COMMONS MAY 21 AND 23. PROTEST REFERS TO WILSON'S INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE SOVEREIGNTY OF CHILE, "UTILIZING OFFENSIVE AND INTOLERABLE LANGUAGE WITH REFERENCE TO THE GOVT OF CHILE." GOC EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER THIS DEPARTURE FROM TRADITIONAL GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN UK AND CHILE. "UNJUST AND HOSTILE ATTITUDE" OF WILSON OBLIGES "REFLECTION UPON EFFECTS WHICH MAY BE PRODUCED IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL" AREAS.

3. NEWS STORY NOTES NO RESPONSE YET RECEIVED FROM HMG.

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4. COMMENT: THIS NOTE REFLECTS SAME BITTER TONE AS REMARKS

OF FON MINISTER HUERTA MAY 23 (REFTEL). AFTER EVIDENCE OF
SOME RECENT SUCCESS IN IMPROVEMENT RELATIONS WITH MEXICO AND
COLOMBIA, GOC MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TAKE SOMEWHAT LESS
AGRESSIVE STANCE TOWARD UK. HOWEVER, CHILEAN MILITARY'S
TYPICAL PRIDE AND BLUNT RESPONSE TO PERCEIVED INSULTS IN
FULLY EVIDENT HERE AND COULD LEAD TO EVEN MORE SERIOUS STRAINS
WITH HMG.
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